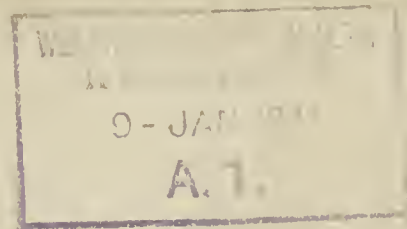


ABERTILLERY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT



REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31st, 1939.



To the Chairman and Members of the

Urban District Council of Abertillery.

Gentlemen,

Owing to the present condition of affairs I hereby submit a short interim report for the year 1939. When circumstances again become normal a full report will be prepared.

The physical feature and general character of the district has been fully dealt with in previous reports.

Area in acres. 6463.

Registrar-General's estimate of

(a) resident population, mid-1939. 27,940.

(b) average population for calculation of death rates.  
28,030.

Number of inhabited houses, end of 1939, 6,609.

Rateable value:

Abertillery. £ 69,257.  
Llanhilleth. £ 24,941.

Product of penny rate. £ 330.

Extracts from Vital Statistics:

<u>Live Births.</u>	Males.	Females.	Total.
Legitimate.	238	232	470
Illegitimate	13	4	17
Still Births	8	9	17

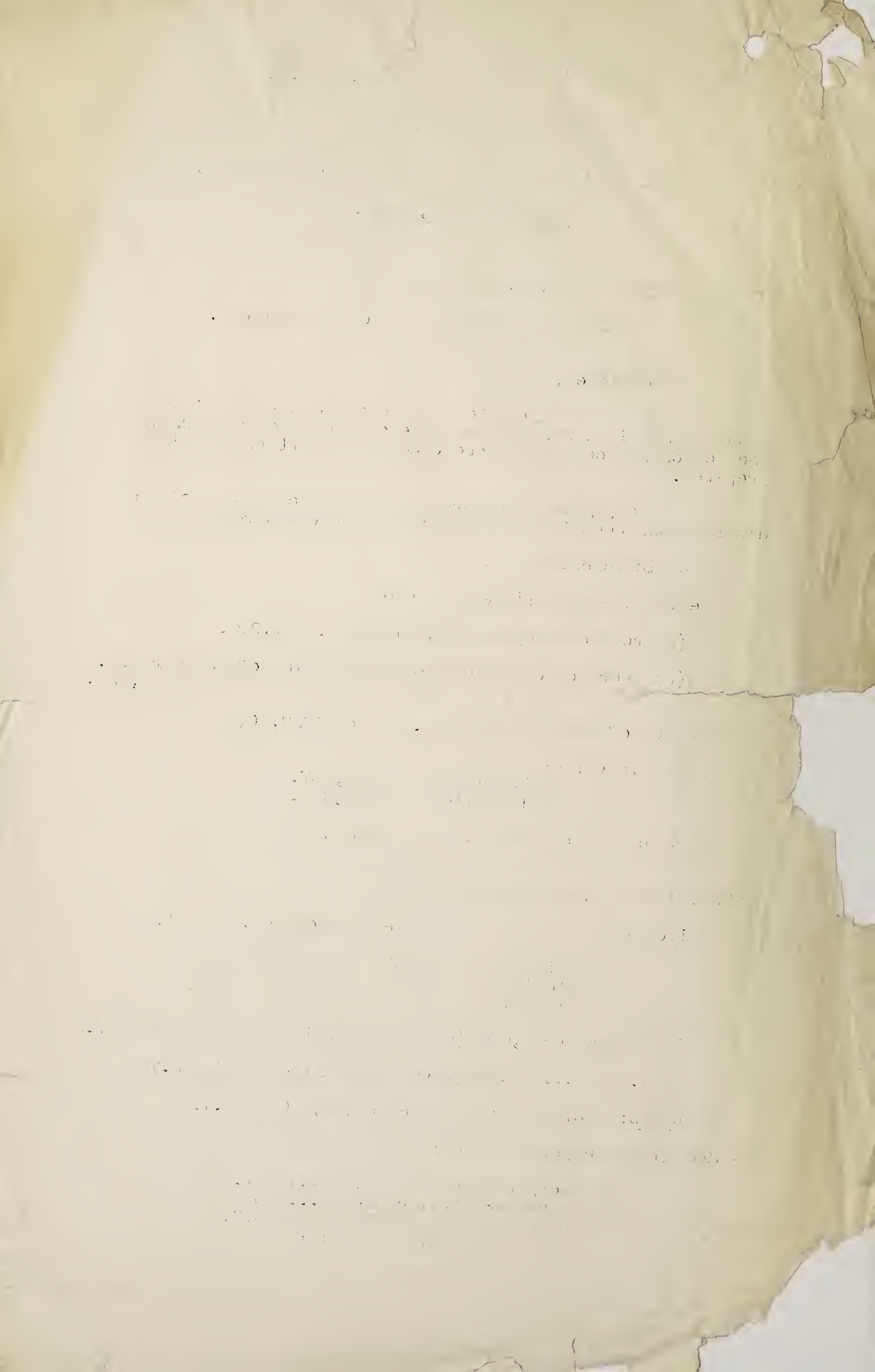
Birth Rate per 1,000 (estimated resident population) 17.0

.. ... .. (live and still births) 33.7.

Deaths: 376. Death Rate per, 1,000 - 13.4.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:

Fuerperal Sepsis..... Nil.  
Other puerperal causes..... 3  
Death Rate per 1,000 births 5.9.  
(live and still)



# Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

All infants per 1,000 births. 61.6.  
 Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births. 63.8.  
 Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births. -

Deaths from Cancer ..... 29.  
 ... Measles ..... 1  
 ... Whooping Cough ..... 4  
 ... Diarrhoea (under 2yrs of age) 2

General Provision of Health Services:  
 This has been fully dealt with in previous reports.

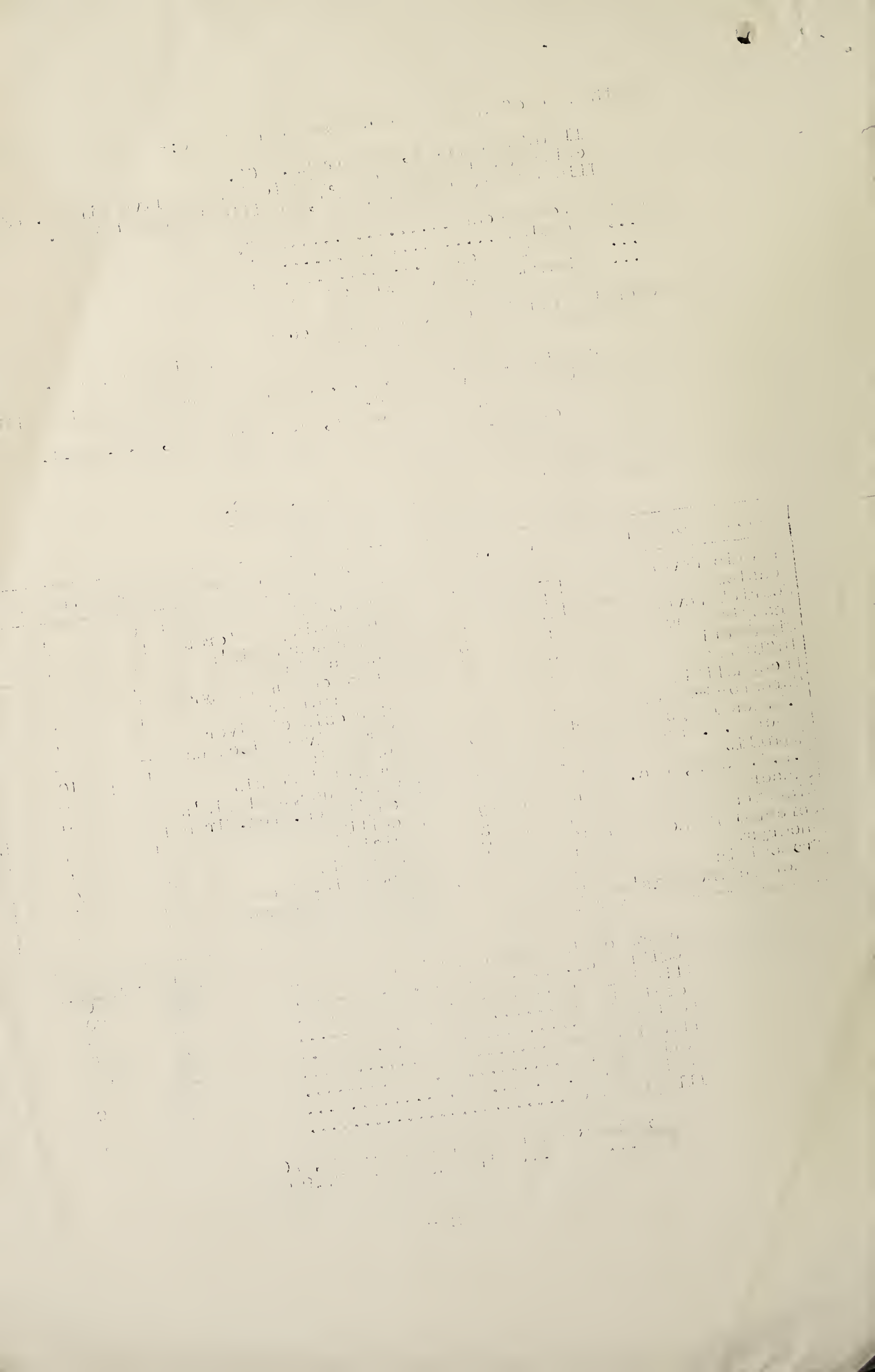
Gethin A. Parry Esq, A.R.S.I. is at present serving with  
 His Majesty's Forces.  
 A new temporary Inspector, J.L.Jones Esq, A.R.San.I. was  
 appointed.

## CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR, 1939.

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES
Enteric Fever	-	-	Bronchitis	10	4
Measles	1	-	Pneumonia(all forms)	19	8
Scarlet Fever	-	-	Other Respr Dis's	4	1
Whooping Cough	1	3	Peptic Ulcer	5	2
Diphtheria	3	2	Diarrhoea under 2yrs	1	2
Influenza	3	2	Appendicitis	1	1
Encephalitis	1	-	Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1
Cerebro-S-Fever	-	2	Other Liver Diseases	-	-
T.B.Respr System	12	15	Nephritis	1	10
Other T.B.Diseases	1	2	Puerperal Sepsis	-	-
Syphilis	-	-	Other Puerperal Dis's	-	3
G.P.I.Tabes, etc.	2	1	Cong'l Deb.Prem.Birth	13	4
Cancer	10	19	Senility	1	2
Diabetes	4	3	Suicide	4	1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	18	7	Heart Disease	64	50
Aneurysm	1	1	Other Cir.Diseases	7	1
Bronchitis	10	4	Death by Violence	13	4
Other Defined Dis's	7	12			

	MALES.	FEMALES
Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of Age	20	20
Legitimate.....	20	20
Illegitimate .....	-	-
Total Births .....	251	236
Legitimate .....	238	232
Illegitimate .....	13	4
Still Births .....	8	9
Legitimate .....	8	8
Illegitimate .....	-	1

Population for Death Rate - 28,030  
 ... Birth Rate - 27,940





NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1939.

DISEASE.	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	CASES ADMITTED HOSPITAL	TOTAL DEATHS
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	26	-	-
Diphtheria	39	9	5
Enteric Fever (including Para)	1	1	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	5	5	2
Erysipelas	3	-	-

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED - Age Analysis.

DISEASE.	All Ages	-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20 35	35 45	45 65+
Diphtheria	39	-	1	-	3	5	19	10	-	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever	26	-	1	2	5	3	10	3	1	-	1	-
Enteric Fever	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neon:	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Cerebro-Spinal F.	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1
Tuberculosis:												
M.	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	12	1	1
Pulmonary. F.	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	2	2
M.	5	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	-
Non-Pulmonary. F.	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-

DIPHTHERIA: Thirty-nine cases of diphtheria were notified during the year as against 29 cases for 1938, and increase of 10. Nine cases were removed to hospital. Five of the cases proved fatal.

SCARLET FEVER: Twenty-six cases of scarlet fever were notified during the year 1939, compared with 167 cases during the year 1938, a decrease of 141 cases.

CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS: Five cases were notified during the year of which two proved fatal. All these cases were admitted to hospital.

ENTERIC FEVER: One case only was notified during the year in a male, aged 17yrs, from Ward 4.

ERYSIPELAS: Three cases of erysipelas were notified during 1939, two in females and one in a male.



## TUBERCULOSIS

The total number of cases of tuberculosis notified during the year was 41. Of this number 32 cases were of the pulmonary type and 9 cases of non-pulmonary type

According to the Registrar-General's returns 27 deaths were recorded from pulmonary tuberculosis, 12 males and 15 females, while one male and 2 females died from other forms of tuberculosis.

Thirty-four patients were admitted to hospital or sanatorium during the year.

## SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

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systematic inspections were made, 64 of which were re-inspected.

6,597 visits were made to premises in respect of special and common nuisances, also inspection of food supplies, and the premises where such food is prepared, stored or sold, etc.

The nuisances discovered during these systematic and special visits were followed up by the service of the following notices, viz:-

Preliminary .....	185
Statutory Notices Under Public	
Health Acts .....	106
Bye-Laws made thereunder .....	439

Number of visits made to cases of infectious diseases	287.
Number of visits made to Feeding Centres .....	71.
Number of disinfections of rooms after infectious	
diseases .....	229.
Number of disinfections to schools, feeding centres..	410.

## MILK SUPPLY

Persons registered during 1939.	5
On Register .....	62
Licensed to sell Pasteurised Milk	12
Milk Producers .....	23

Samples of milk are taken at intervals for testing for tuberculosis, other bacteria and cleanliness. These tests are carried out by the County Council and reports forwarded to this department.

## MEAT

The slaughter-houses are visited regularly and the carcasses and intestines are examined, and any found diseased are destroyed either by burning or burying.

Notices of slaughter were received and 108 pigs and 19 lambs were examined and found good and passed.



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## FOOD INSPECTION

The following foodstuffs were found unfit for human food and accordingly condemned:-

	Beef.....	572 lbs
	Bovine Lungs .....	4 pairs
	Bovine Liver .....	73 lbs
	Sheep's Flucks.....	9
	Pigs Liver .....	4 lbs
	Offal .....	55 lbs
Tinned Goods:	Fish .....	4 tins
	Fruit .....	18 tins
	Milk .....	2 tins
	Corned Beef .....	24 lbs
	Tomatoes .....	3 tins
	Fruit: Plums .....	12 lbs
	Vegetables: Potatoes.	56 lbs
	Pears .....	12 lbs

## FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

The following visits were made by the Sanitary Inspectors to Factories and Workplaces during 1939:-

Factories with mechanical power	92
Factories without .. .. .	22

One notice was served in respect of cleanliness during the year and this was remedied.

The number of workshops registered at the end of the year was 53.

Registered Fried Fish Shops 20.

I am, Mr Chairman & Gentlemen,

F. Baillie Smith M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

January 1941.

Medical Officer of Health.

